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Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening in tribal country and especially at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

October Currents! The October Currents is online on the website at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/October%20currents.pdf> There is no printed version this month.



Historical Headquarters!



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LRBOI Community Ghost Supper

The tradition of a Ghost Supper, or Feast of the Dead or Spirit Feast, is celebrated yearly to honor our departed loved ones with a meal and remembrances. Throughout the years, changes may have been made from what some people remember long ago, but the meaning has remained the same.

According to Christian beliefs, All Soul's Day occurs on November 2nd, thus our adaptation for celebrating and honoring our loved ones at this same time. Often, families gather together to host the suppers at their private homes and so that everyone can partake, the dates are sometimes spaced apart throughout the month of November. Community members may often attend several Ghost Suppers and each individual that attends represents a spirit.

Generally, the foods that are prepared for the feast are those most enjoyed by the departed or a dish that they were remembered for making. Most often at a Ghost Supper one can expect to find meals of fish, venison, wild rice, fry bread, corn, squash, potatoes, and other traditional staples. A ceremonial fire is lit and maintained outside at which praying and a quiet time for reflection and remembrance is customary. Prior to the feasting, a prayer is said and a plate with a little bit of every dish is prepared and offered in the fire to honor those who are no longer physically with us. Typically, this time is for remembrance and fellowship with the living and the dead.

Besides food, gifts are set out and offered so that the spirits can partake of these offerings that they may be missing. Some of these gifts may include sema (tobacco), wiingash (sweetgrass), mshkwadewashk (sage), and kiishig (cedar). Non-traditional gifts may include candy, coffee, flowers, or some other favorite item that your loved one may be missing.

Traditionally, the Ghost Supper continues until all of the food is gone and at times they have been known to go on until the early morning hours or longer. Often, native communities host a community-wide Ghost Supper at a central location, which is what we do here at Little River.

**Please come join us in honoring and remembering
all of our departed loved ones.**

November 3, 2015

6:00 pm

Aki Maadiziwin Tribal Community Center

Please bring your loved one's favorite food(s) to share.

Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Everyone is welcomed to attend! Come remember and reminisce.

**For questions or more information, please contact Historic
Preservation at (888) 723-8288, ext. 6893 or ext. 6895.**



LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi.com

For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



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Attention!

We need YOUR input!

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department recently received a grant to offer some traditional arts/crafts classes. We want to know what YOU would like to learn. We'd appreciate it if you could please take the time to answer the questions below.

1. What are the top 3 traditional arts/crafts that you would like to learn? (Examples: beading, basketry, drum making, quill work, hide tanning, snowsnake making, pottery, etc.)
2. Which class time below would you prefer?
 - One 4-hour class
 - Two 2-hour classes
 - Four 1-hour classes
3. Other comments and/or suggestions.



Please respond via email to jsam@lrboi-nsn.gov or call 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6893 no later than 5:00 pm on November 25, 2015.

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Tribal Court—November Docket

Monday, November 2, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	McCaslin v. McCaslin	15135DO Final Divorce
11:00 a.m.	Hunt v. Hunt	15092DO Pretrial

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	LRB v. Wilson, A.	15107CT Review Hrg.
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Friday, November 6, 2015

Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m.	Closed Hearing	15139NA Neglect/Abuse
03:00 p.m.	Closed Hearing	14101JV PV Sentencing

Monday, November 9, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Moore v. Moore	15135DO Final Pretrial
01:15 p.m.	LRB v. Ali	14067TM Sentencing
02:00 p.m.	Irish v. Cass	15151DP Motion Hrg.

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

NO COURT --- VETERANS DAY--- OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, November 16, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Stone, L.	14089GC Review Hrg.
11:00 a.m.	Guardianship Hrg.	15192PF Closed Hrg.
01:15 p.m.	Dore v. Stevens	10202CS Show Cause Hrg.

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	09053NA Closed Hrg.
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Friday, November 20, 2015

Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m.	Sprau v. Casino	14232GC Motion to Dismiss
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Monday, November 23, 2015

Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Closed Hrg.
10:00 a.m.	FOC v. McCaslin	12102FSJ Objection Hrg.

Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th 2015 the court offices will be closed for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

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Tribal Court Docket—Abbreviation Code

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Please let your voice be HEARD!! If you have not registered to Vote, call the Enrollment Office at 231.398.6712 or the Election Board Offices at extension 6709 to have a Voter Registration Form sent to you. Fill it out and attach a copy of your Tribal I.D. Then return it!

You must be registered to vote in tribal elections!

Don't procrastinate, you want your vote to make a difference! Don't let others speak for you!!

If you have questions about how to fill out the Voter Registration Form, call us at 231-398-6712.

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information



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“O Great Spirit Whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, here me! I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.” *From Prayer to the Great Spirit*

The Great Spirit runs the world and the people by a set of natural laws and principles. He says we are to live our lives and make decisions that will be in harmony with these laws. He says we should be respectful to all things and to all people. He says we should pray for each other. He says we should forgive one another. It is easy to tell if a person is following the ways of the Great Spirit. You can tell by how a man walks in life. He doesn't need to say anything. If we are dishonest or deceitful, other people will know. This is true because we are all interconnected in the Unseen World.

My Creator, let me obey our ways. Let me Walk the Talk.

Kateri prayer

(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Commission Openings! **Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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<u>Departments</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Director or main phone numbers</u>
Accounting	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government Center — Main Entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	Justice Center on M22	231.398.3406
Education	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government Center—Lower Level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6843
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	Government Center—North End	231.398.6600
Historic Preservation	Government Center— Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th Street Offices—Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government Center —Main Entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6842